

April 12, 2018

No meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was held in March, 2018.

The April 12, 2018 meeting of the Mansfield Township Environmental Commission was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Paul Tarlowe, held in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1976, followed by a pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Present: Paul Tarlowe, Robert Jewell, Glenn Todd, Jim McMekin, Dawn Smith.

Minutes

It was MOVED by Mr. Jewell to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Todd. All in favor with two abstentions.

With one vacancy open on this Commission, the process of recruiting was discussed. A paragraph of Environmental Commission comments will be drafted for inclusion in the Township newsletter. A discussion of efforts to promote Environmental Commission events followed. Mr. Tarlowe requested e-mail contact with Commission members continue. He also suggested ads on the Township website for the annual garage sale and freecycle.

The 2018 budget request is in review by the Township Committee; the numbers are expected to be adopted.

Ms. Fascenelli shared an Issue Brief reporting China's Policies on Imported Recyclables outlining the impact to US recycling.

Committee Reports

ERI: Two estimates have been received: \$6700 from Daniel Bloch, another estimated \$6400 name unknown; Maser was asked to resubmit. (The Maser estimate was \$6700 last year.)

Mr. Tarlowe questioned grant money, and Ms. Smith explained two applications were rejected.

Cafferata Park

The bluebird nesting boxes will be replaced after needed repairs are completed. Ms. Smith offered to host a work party April 21. Mr. Tarlowe has a nesting box suitable for a screech owl or kestrel which he will donate for use at the Park.

Environmental Comments

Mr. Jewell, reporting for the Land Use Board, said the Meadows of Mansfield developer wants a gas line from Butler Park Road to the development; the County is procrastinating on the permit. A work project is progressing along Rt. 57 for gas and water lines. Water will be supplied by NJ American Water, but the flow is inadequate for fire fighting purposes. When the project is completed, there must be 21,000 gallons of water to supplement the 8-inch line. This remains an age restricted community, but eight additional lots are now sought; Township

approval is needed. Clustering is sought for the 300-house community; traffic has been questioned.

Ms. Smith asked the status of the Mt. Bethel Church. A bid was done for windows, ceiling, masonry, internal repairs.

Mr. Todd MOVED to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth A. Pante, Clerk